


REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 23, 24, 28 and 42 are objected to because of informalities. Claims 22-26, 28, 37-41 and 43 stand rejected under 35 USC §103. Claims 27 and 42 are indicated as being objected to in the Office Action summary, but are not further addressed in the text of the Office Action. During a telephone conversation between the Examiner and Donald J. Wallace on or about January 11, 2007, the Examiner indicated that claims 27 and 42 contained allowable subject matter and would be considered allowable if rewritten in independent form. This indication was inadvertently omitted from the Office Action. Applicant acknowledges this indication of allowable subject matter with thanks.

By the foregoing, claims 27 and 42 have been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 22 and 37 have been canceled. The remaining claims in the application have been amended to depend from allowable claims 27 and 42, and further have been amended to address the objections raised regarding informalities of the claims. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 23-28 and 38-43, and reconsideration of the claims, are respectfully requested.

In light of the foregoing, the claims remaining in the application should be considered in condition for allowance, and early notice of allowability is courteously solicited. If necessary to further prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's representatives listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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